

Question 11: Pesticide Safety Worksheets

Reference:

Applying Pesticides Correctly - A Guide for Private and Commercial Applicators

Unit 11: Transportation, Storage, Disposal, and Spill Cleanup, Pages 3 and 4

Transportation of Pesticides

Handlers are responsible for the safe transport of pesticides in their possession. Carelessness in transporting pesticides can result in broken containers, spills, environmental contamination, and harm to the handler and others. Handlers should do all they can to prevent a mishap and also be prepared in case of an emergency. The safest way to transport pesticides is in the back of a truck. Steel or plastic lined beds are best because they can be more easily cleaned if a spill occurs. Do not carry pesticides in the passenger compartment of a car, van, or truck because hazardous vapors or a pesticide spill can harm the driver and passengers. Smaller quantities of pesticide can be safely transported in the trunk of a car. If pesticides must be transported in the back of a station wagon or SUV, travel with the windows open and do not allow anyone to ride in the back. Do not allow children, other passengers, or pets to ride with pesticides. Do not transport pesticides with food, feed, or clothing. Do not leave a vehicle unattended when transporting pesticides in an unlocked vehicle, compartment, or bed of a truck. Pesticide handlers are responsible and liable if pesticides poison curious children or careless adults. Transport pesticides in a locked compartment when possible. Consider transporting highly volatile pesticides separate from other chemicals.